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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5469

AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PFOR, LT

SUBJECT: DEATH OF QUEEN MOTHER, REQUEST FOR CONDOLENCE MESSAGES

1. MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ADVISED THAT MOTHER OF MOSHOESHOE II DIED JANUARY 22 AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE REQUESTING CONDOLENCE MESSAGES FROM THEIR HEADS OF STATE. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO KING MOSHOESHOE II ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"YOUR MAJESTY: I AM DEEPLY SORROWED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF THE QUEEN MOTHER, MOFUMAHALI 'MABERENG SEEISO GRIFFITHS. ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I EXTEND TO YOUR MAJESTY AND THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE QUEEN MOTHER'S PASSING AWAY. OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT. VERY TRULY YOURS, GERALD FORD."

FUNERAL WILL BE JANUARY 25, BUT IT NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT MESSAGE ARRIVE BEFORE THEN.

3. FOR GABORONE: RECOMMEND AMBASSADOR AUTHORIZE EMBASSY SEND MESSAGE SIMILAR TO ABOVE IN HIS NAME. EMBASSY WILL SEND FLOWERS DAY OF FUNERAL.

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